Knitting Bibliography

Knitting Group meets the 1st Friday of every Month between 12pm-2pm in the BTBL lobby.

Come enjoy the company while working on knitting or other crafts!

Non-fiction:

DB78078 - Knitting Yarns: Writers On Knitting by Ann Hood

Twenty-seven essays on the craft of knitting by authors including Elizabeth Berg, Andre Dubus III, Sue Grafton, Barbara Kingsolver, Elinor Lipman, Joyce Maynard, Ann Patchett, and Anita Shreve. Berg discusses the pleasures of visiting yarn stores when one is not a knitter. Includes six knitting patterns by Helen Bingham. 2014.

BR18079 – *Knitting New Mittens and Gloves: Warm and Adorn Your Hands in 28 Innovative Ways* by Robin Melanson

Projects include many fingerless hand, wrist, and arm warmers in a variety of styles as well as more-traditional gloves and mittens. A paragraph describing each item is followed by the knitting instructions and details about necessary materials and tools. Includes a special-techniques section and a source list for supplies. 2008.

BR18350 – Knit With Beads by Scarlet Taylor

Freelance knitting designer presents step-by-step instructions for incorporating beaded embellishments into stitched-yarn garments to add texture and glamour. Describes novel projects for all skill levels, including a tweed poncho, pearl caplet, nautical shrug, argyle wrap, and houndstooth stole. Provides information on blocking and laundering. 2007.

BR18258 – The Yarn Girls' Guide To Knits For All Seasons: Sweaters and Accessories for Men and Women by Julie Carles

Forty projects organized by fibers and styles for each season--silk and rayon cardigans for spring, cotton skirts for summer, alpaca pullovers for fall, and bulky wool turtlenecks for winter. Sweaters range from sleeveless to zippered and accessories include tote bags, scarves, belts, and caps. 2007.

BR18414 – *Mindful Knitting: Inviting Contemplative Practice to the Craft* by Tara Manning

A practicing Buddhist and knitwear designer, the author espouses the spiritual rewards associated with knitting. Presents ten knitting projects and their corresponding meditation exercises as methods to develop a mindful focus. 2004.

DB59707 – *Exquisite Little Knits: Knitting with Luxurious Specialty Yarns* by Laurie Kimmelstiel

Forty quick-to-knit scarves, hats, purses, stoles, shawls, and even a pair of gauntlets. Organized by fiber type: cashmere, qiviut, eyelash, fur, silk, lattice, mohair, angora, suede, ribbon, wool, and sequins. Provides information on these various yarns and rates each project by skill level. 2004. (SPO only)

BR16456 – The Knitter's Handy Book of Sweater Patterns: Basic Designs in Multiple Sizes and Gauges by Ann Budd

Easy-to-follow charted instructions for eighteen variations of the six most common sweater constructions--drop shoulder, modified drop shoulder, set-in sleeve, saddle shoulder, raglan, and seamless yoke. Each of these designs is provided in fifteen sizes from child to adult with five possible gauges for each size. 2004.

DB47268 / BR16248 – *Kids Knit! Simple Steps to Nifty Projects* by Sarah Bradberry Presents basic knitting instructions and twenty step-by-step designs ranging in difficulty. Projects include a doll blanket, sunglasses case, ribbed scarf, house cushion, drawstring purse, backpack, and tote bag. Explains increasing and decreasing stitches to knit triangles for head kerchiefs and pot holders. For grades 5-8. 2004.

DB58586 / BR16637 — *Stitch 'N Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook* by Debbie Stoller Cofounder of trendy New York City knitting circle gives a brief history of this needle craft. Presents the basics: how to cast on, bind off, and knit. Explains advanced stitching and repair techniques and provides details for over thirty projects, including Pippi Kneestockings, Sparkle Hat, and Under the Hoodie. Some strong language. 2003.

DB60467 – *Knit Wit: Thirty Easy and Hip Projects; a Hands-Free Step-By-Step Guide* by Amy Singer

Knitting web site editor offers a variety of patterns for skirts, sweaters, funky hats and scarves, an ice cream pint cozy, a laptop cover, a yoga mat bag, a water bottle sling, and more, arranged by order of difficulty. Provides information for beginners on equipment, materials, and basic techniques. 2004.

BR15670 – Teen Knitting Club: Chill Out and Knit by Jennifer Wenger

Three longtime avid knitters offer learners information on materials, stitches, and common problems. Includes instructions for scarves, hats, bags, sweaters, one-day projects, and blankets. Also offers suggestions on starting a teen knitting club and on knitting for charity. For junior and senior high readers. 2004.

DB47268 / BR11797 – *Kids Knitting* by Melanie Falick

Basic step-by-step instructions for the beginning knitter. Covers procedures and recommends materials and needle sizes. Details twelve projects, ranging from bean bags, scarves, and patchwork afghans to purses, caps, tube socks, and a pullover sweater. Each activity introduces new skills. For grades 4-7. 1998. JEB

Fiction:

DB73631 – *The Knitting Diaries* by Debbie Macomber

Three romances featuring people who knit. In "The Twenty-first Wish" ten-year-old Ellen hopes her adopted mother will marry her birth father. In "Coming Unraveled" Robyn goes home to help her grandmother run a knitting store. In "Return to Summer Island" Caro meets a marine who is redeploying to Afghanistan. 2011. (romance/short stories. Also see the Blossom Street series by same author.)

DB65750 – *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs

Single mother Georgia Walker runs a Manhattan yarn shop where knitters gather regularly to work on projects and share stories. Aging widow Anita, pre-law student Peri, and secretive Lucie join the club as unexpected events--including the return of Georgia's ex--unravel their lives. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2007. (modern/bestseller, book 1 of 3)

DB74474 - The Sweethearts' Knitting Club by Lori Wilde

In Twilight, Texas, women in the knitting club marry their high-school sweethearts. Flynn becomes engaged to her longtime boyfriend Beau, the town's sheriff, but then Flynn's true love Jesse is released from prison and wants Flynn back. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2009. (romance, book 1 of 5)

DB64963 – *The Knitting Circle* by Ann Hood

Providence, Rhode Island. Journalist Mary Baxter joins a knitting circle after the death of her five-year-old daughter. As other members--Lulu, Ellen, Scarlet, Harriet, Beth, and Alice--share their stories of love, loss, and hope, Mary confronts her grief and begins to heal. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2007. (Modern)

DB68562 – *Casting Spells* by Barbara Bretton

Part-sorceress and knitting-shop owner Chloe Hobbs must fall in love to preserve a spell protecting the supernatural residents of Sugar Maple, Vermont. Various matchmaking efforts-involving trolls and selkies--fail until Chloe meets homicide detective Luke MacKenzie. Unfortunately he's human. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2008. (romance paranormal, book 1 of 2).